

Town of Wenham Conservation Commission
Meeting of Monday August 13, 2007 ~ 7:30 pm
Senior Center, School Street

Present: Leo Maestranzi; Phil Colarusso; Robert Burnett; Malcolm Reid
Also Present: Emilie Cademartori; Catherine Tinsley, Secretary
Not Present: Patrick Wilson; Ken Whittaker

Public information available: Agenda

Abbreviations used:
CC – Conservation Commission
NOI-Notice of Intent
DEP –Department of Environmental Protection

7:30 pm Mr. Maestranzi opened the meeting and identified that the agenda would be taken out of order until they had a quorum and could attend to business before the Commission.

Regarding the town building sidewalks on the Reynolds property on Larch Row it was the consensus of the Commissioners that Mr. Wilson present this option to the Reynolds. They went on to discuss if it is within the law for the CC to protect any trees that would otherwise be cut down to construct the sidewalks.

2 Onion River Road – The proposed amendment was approved by Council to be attached to the existing Order of Conditions.

Continued Notice of Intent:

363 Grapevine Rd (DEP file # 326-0298)
7:52 pm- Rebuttal from Hayes Engineering Peer Review opened discussion
Present: Henrik Sandell, Boston Associates, Consulting; William Manuell, Wetland Scientist
Martin Halleran, Civil Engineer, T-Square design

Mr. Manuell acknowledged that they had no issues but were before the Commission to give an update on the progress of 363 Grapevine Road. He stated that the work on the drainage is ongoing and that the DEP had issues to the original plans; revised plans have been submitted. Mr. Manuell provided a copy to the CC of the revised plans. The revised written NOI will reflect the actual conditions. The septic is outside the buffer zone.

He went on to explain that the catch basin drainage flows into wetlands and the town has requested for additional treatment to the drainage.

Mr. Maestranzi opened the hearing to the abutters.

Tom Wigglesworth, 22 Preston Place Beverly requested copies of the changes and calculations for storm water flow on abutting properties.

Laura Gibson – Representative for 261 Hart Street noted concern about dynamite blasting and possible damage.

Mr. Manuel went on to address the abutters concerns:
Small pipe under drive not large enough so storm water flows over the drive
Will use the most conservative soil conditions
Infiltration rates
Abutter on left side has pipe flows onto 363 and then into wetlands.
Basin not in wetland area has no room to improve
Water will be redirected to the basin instead of across the abutters property.

Mr. Reid made a motion to continue the hearing. Mr. Burnett seconded.
Voting in favor: Leo Maestranzi; Phil Colarusso; Robert Burnett; Malcolm Reid
MOTION CARRIED

Other Continued Public Hearings:

ANRAD – Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation (DEP file # 326-0302
Mr. Colarusso recused himself as an abutter.
Present: Elizabeth Wallis Hayes Engineering, Wetland Scientist
Peter Gourdeau - Applicant

Mr. Maestranzi stated that he was pleased with the delineation
It was noted that the pond was dry at the time of the walk, and this is not a good time to look for vernal pool animals.

Mr. Gourdeau identified that all 10 lots were perked.

Regarding the Cluster bylaw, it was identified that the regulation for 10,000 per bedroom can be waved if a ROSC plan is shown. It was noted that the Board of Health has concerns about small lots and if a waiver can be granted to allow small lots in the water shed area.

The CC requested feed back from the BOH.

The CC reviewed the conventional plan of six conforming lots in Wenham and 2 conforming lots in Hamilton compared to the Cluster housing with nine lots in Wenham and one in Hamilton.

David Suminsby, Future abutter noted his concern of the ROSC plan not having 20% open space in Wenham, citing all the open space is in Hamilton and suggested different ways to alter the plans.

And noted there are other things that can be done.

It was noted that a plan is engineered, but if there is a vernal pool, than the plans will be revised.

Mr. Colarusso responded that he has been collecting information with neighbors and he himself has found the salamanders and frogs and there are Vernal Pools across the street.

The outside buffer was questioned as an appropriate corridor area to walk around the property and suggested a larger area and something to invite walkers such as a fence abutting the homeowners property and a path way.

The CC asked for a Cape Cod curb that frogs can get over.

Due to the lack of a quorum, The CC will make a decision on the ANRAD delineation at the next meeting.

Pleasant Pond – (DEP File # 326-0299)

Applicant – Town of Wenham

Mr. Burnett made a motion to grant a permit to the Town to do their projects as identified at Pleasant Pond. Mr. Reid seconded

115 Pleasant Street – Request for Determination

Applicant – Kurt Wetler

Resident is requesting to put an addition on his home within 100 feet of Pleasant Pond

Mr. Burnett made a motion to continue the hearing. Mr. Colarusso seconded.

Enforcement Orders/ Violations

19 Hull Street – Ingemi

After a site visit the coordinator and Mr. Maestranzi agreed Mr. Ingemi has met the requirements of the CC and the order can be lifted.

Mr. Burnett made a motion to life the Enforcement Order at 19 Hull Street.

Mr. Reid seconded.

43 Pleasant Street - The Coordinator reported that it does not appear to see any violations. It was the consensus of the CC to drop it

Longfellow Road – The Coordinator identified that the CC received a complaint that trees adjacent to the wetlands are being cut down by the homeowner. A property visit will be done.

15 Juniper Street– Pizzo

The Coordinator stated that it appear to be violations at 15 Juniper Street of a paddock being within 30 feet of the wetlands.

The Commissioners questioned who the CC officer is and for a site visit.

Mr. Colarusso will talk with the home owner.

Minutes

Mr. Reid made a motion to approve the July 23, 2007 meeting minutes.

Mr. Colarusso seconded.

9:01 PM – Mr. Reid made a motion to adjourn and it was unanimous to do so.